

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Replace the second paragraph under the Detailed Description of Preferred Form with the following paragraph:

Referring to Figure 2 the preferred form shower base 5 comprises a floor 6 which is a planar floor, and which falls or slopes from a high point at the rear side of the shower base, in this case from the rear corner 7, to a waste outlet 8 provided at the front side of the shower base. In the preferred form the waste outlet aperture 8 is also recessed into the shower base so as to be at a lower level than the floor surface 6 of the shower base, and cover member or plate 9 is provided which sits on ledges 10 formed in the shower base adjacent the waste aperture 8 as shown, preferably so that the cover plate is freely removable for cleaning. Ledge 10 on upstand ~~48~~14 also supports the cover plate 9. In the preferred form the waste outlet aperture 8 is recessed into a generally triangular recess bounded by ledges 10 on either side and upstand ~~48~~14 which together support the cover plate 9, but alternatively such a recess could be semi-circular square or any other suitable shape, preferably with a correspondingly shaped matching cover member. It is preferred but not necessarily essential that the waste outlet aperture 8 is recessed into the shower base so as to be at a lower level than the floor surface of the shower base and to provide a matching cover plate, so that the waste outlet aperture is not exposed providing a more aesthetically pleasing finished shower base, but in an alternative form the waste outlet aperture 8 may be exposed without any such cover member, as is conventional, but at one side of the shower base in accordance with the invention.

Replace the third paragraph under the Detailed Description of Preferred Form with the following paragraph:

Drain channel 11 extends around the front of the shower base, at least beneath or at the foot of the door 1 and exterior to the door as shown, and also preferably along the foot of and exterior to the return panels 2 as shown. Figure 4 shows the drain channel 11 most clearly, which is integrally formed in the shower base. After installation and in use of the shower, the fall of the floor surface of the shower base which may be tiled or alternatively may be formed as the finished end surface of the shower base, is towards the curved front side of the shower enclosure bounded by the door and return panels, and water will flow beneath the door 1 and into the drain channel 11 and to the waste outlet 8. Preferably the front side of the shower base is not higher than the floor 6 of the shower base adjacent to the door 1. Typically the shower base whether it is intended to be tiled or otherwise will be formed as a single thermoformed or moulded product and it may optionally preferably formed to also incorporate moulded cut outs 17 down which water falling towards either side of the front of the shower enclosure will fall, to the drain channel 11.

Replace the fourth paragraph under the Detailed Description of Preferred Form with the following paragraph:

Preferably for aesthetic reasons a cover member or plate 12 is also provided over the drain channel 11 at least adjacent the door of the enclosure, which covers the drain while at the same

time allowing water flowing towards the drain and onto the cover plate to drain through the cover plate which is apertured, in the preferred form with slots 16 as shown. The drain channel 11 may extend beyond simply the door, and may also extend along the foot of the one or more return panels. The drain channel in front of the return panels may be open but in the preferred form is also covered as shown, by short cover plates 4719. By comparing Figures 2 and 3 it can be seen that rail 18 along the foot of each of the return panels is fixed adjacent the drain channel 11 on either side of the shower, and cover plate 4819 which is removable for cleaning, fits in place to conceal the drain channel. Moulded plastic component 4920 may be provided to finish the otherwise exposed end of the rail 4718 (see Figure 2) on either side. The cover plates 12 and 4819 over the drain channel 11 may be formed as extrusions, or alternatively as moulded components, preferably with a surface which slopes back towards the floor of the shower base such as a concave upper surface 15 as shown (see Figure 5).

Replace the sixth paragraph under the Detailed Description of Preferred Form with the following paragraph:

Preferably a shower base of the invention also includes a formation or formations around or along a part of the front side of the shower base for mounting a return panel or panels to the shower base on one or both sides of the door of the shower enclosure. In the preferred form shown a step 2021 is formed at the peripheral edge of the floor of the shower base where the floor joins the drain channel 11, as shown in Figures 3 to 5, to accommodate the rail 18 at the foot of the return panels. The rail 4718 at the foot of the return panel may be bonded to the

shower base at the step by a silicone bonding agent for example, or alternatively in another embodiment the rail(s) ~~17~~18 may be omitted and the glass edge of the return panel(s) ~~172~~ bonded directly into the step ~~202~~1. Alternatively again, formation(s) between the periphery of the floor of the shower base and the drain channel may comprise moulded protrusions in the shower base which locate or engage into rail 18 or similar on the foot of one or more return panels, or such formations may be formed in the shower base in any other suitable form to assist in locating the foot of one or more return panels.

Replace the seventh paragraph under the Detailed Description of Preferred Form with the following paragraph:

Cover plate 9 over the waste outlet 8 may also include drain apertures through the cover plate as shown, or alternatively again a removable cover plate may be dispensed with and a cover plate fixed permanently in place once the shower base has been installed, so that for example when the shower base is tiled the tiles may extend over the cover plate 9 or equivalent having a planar surface substantially contiguous with the floor 6 of the shower base, so that the waste outlet is not visually apparent. In most cases, however, it will be desirable to provide a removable cover plate 9 to allow access to the waste outlet periodically for cleaning.